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SUBJECT: ILO CONFERENCE: STRONG IMEC EFFORT TO DECLARE
LIBYAN-SYRIAN RESOLUTION "INEXPEDIENT" IS NARROWLY
DEFEATED.

REF: GENEVA 9081 (NOTAL)

1. IMEC COUNTRIES, LED BY CANADA AND THE UK, UNSUCCESS-
FULLY ATTEMPTED IN RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE JUNE 19 TO HAVE
THE LIBYAN-SYRIAN RESOLUTION DECLARED INEXPEDIENT UNDER
ARTICLE 17, PARAGRAPH 7 OF THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE ILO
CONFERENCE. ARAB DELEGATES AND THEIR SUPPORTERS (G-77 AND
COMMUNISTS) USED THE ABSTENTION METHOD TO DEFEAT THE IMEC
PROPOSAL. UNDER THE WEIGHTED VOTE SYSTEM, THE IMEC WAS
ABLE TO GAIN SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 43,000 VOTES WITH A
QUORUM BEING NEARLY 48,000. ABSTENTIONS AMOUNTED TO OVER
64,000. THE MISSION WILL POUCH THE OFFICIAL VOTE TALLIES
AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. AMBASSADOR KASTOFT OF DENMARK,
ACTING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, REPORTED
THAT THE IMEC COUNTRIES WERE GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY THE
DEGREE OF RESISTANCE TO THE SYRIAN RESOLUTION EVEN THOUGH
HE NOW ASSUMES THAT IT WILL PASS. HE SAID THAT THE IMEC
LEADERSHIP REGRETTED THAT THEIR EFFORT HAD NOT BEEN
ORGANIZED EARLIER. HE BELIEVES THAT THE CLOSENESS OF THE
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BATTLE INDICATES THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE US COULD HAVE
BEEN DECISIVE IN BRINGING ABOUT A DIFFERENT RESULT.

2. THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR, DR. JOEL BARROMI, DESCRIBED
THE IMEC EFFORT AS "AN IMPRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT." ILO
SOURCES HAVE INFORMED THE MISSION THAT THE DG WILL NOT
PURSUE HIS PLAN TO PERSUADE THE SYRIANS AND LIBYANS TO
WITHDRAW THE RESOLUTION IN EXCHANGE FOR A STATEMENT BY
HIM. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHO
HAVE OPPOSED THE RESOLUTION AND THE IMEC COUNTRIES ARE
AGREED THAT AMENDMENTS SHOULD NOT BE PROPOSED. THIS
STRATEGY WILL HOPEFULLY LIMIT THE DEBATE. IT IS ALSO
ENCOURAGED BY THE AMBASSADOR OF ISRAEL WHO BELIEVES
THAT THE PRESENT RESOLUTION, ALTHOUGH UNACCEPTABLE TO HIS
GOVERNMENT, IS MUCH LESS DAMAGING THAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN
EXPECTED. HE BELIEVES THAT OPENING THE POSSIBILITY OF
AMENDMENTS WITHOUT THE ASSURANCE OF A PARLIAMENTARY
MAJORITY COULD ONLY HAVE ADVERSE RESULTS. BARROMI IS
FIGHTING EFFECTIVELY AND ENERGETICALLY. HE MAKES THE
POINT THAT THE SYRIAN RESOLUTION DOES NOT CHANGE ANYTHING
EXCEPT PROLONGING THE ISSUE FOR ANOTHER FIVE YEARS.
REALISTICALLY KNOWS THIS ISSUE WILL BE BEFORE THE ILO

AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES UNTIL PEACE IS
NEGOTIATED IN THE MIDDLE EAST. VANDEN HEUVEL

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